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### KIND BENEFACTOR GOES TO HIS REWARD

David F. Soden, K.S.G., 72, the sponsor of many good times for Euphrasian High School girls, passed to his reward on November 25 after a brief illness. It was Mr. Soden who obtained the use of the Empire Roller Skating Rink for us last August and many other times in recent years.

A Solemn Requiem Mass was offered in St. Francis of Assisi Church, which was celebrated by Mr. Soden's nephew, Rev. Richard D. Beliveau. Among the Euphrasian High girls who attended were Barbara Skahill, Frances O'Dell, Ann Marie DeSurrey and Helen Wiggard.

For over 25 years, Mr. Soden who was one of the best known Catholics in Greater New York, directed annual outings and parties for children and on other occasions arranged theatrical programs for parishes and for the missions. In June 1954, on the recommendation of the late Archbishop Molloy, Pope Pius XII named him a Knight of St. Gregory.

### Baptism Sponsor for Jack Dempsey's Daughters

Mr. Soden's interests were many and varied. For years he was a political figure, being secretary to the late John H. McCooey, Democratic leader of Kings County. Athletics also held his interest including such sports as, baseball, football, basketball, track events and boxing. Incidentally, it was at Mr. Soden's suggestion that the two daughters of Jack Dempsey (former heavyweight champion of the world) be given a Catholic upbringing since their parents were not affiliated with any church. Shortly after, Joan and Barbara were baptized in St. John the Baptist Church in Brooklyn with Mr. Soden and his wife acting as sponsors. Both are now married and are actively practicing their religion. Jack Dempsey attended the Requiem Mass testifying to his friendship with the deceased.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Soden and pray that Our Blessed Lord may console her as only He can.

### FATHER COLLINS' NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

The other day I was looking at a news program on television. The reporter was on a street corner in New York City, asking the passers-by what hopes they had for the New Year or what they most wished to happen in 1961. Let's see what we can learn from their answer.

Lady number one said that she didn't want anything except a lot of money—"What's living without a lot of money?" The next lady wished for a mink coat; then there came a man who hoped that he would have a new car. Finally an old man was approached by the interviewer and asked the usual question.

"What do I wish for?" said he, in broken English. "Well, I'll tell you. I hope and pray for peace in the world, that people will love one another and be kind to one another, no matter where they come from, and that they will never forget to thank God for the wonderful blessing they have in living in this country."

It is almost frightening to think that only one of all the people who were asked the same question could see anything to look for but money and material things. Only one man had the vision and the proper sense of values which are so necessary if we are to survive. And that is our lesson—yours and mine!

Every day we are reminded that love of God and love of our neighbor are the basis of our lives. Each time we have a day of recollection or a Holy Hour or a sermon—God's love and our need to love Him in return are taught to us again and again. We know that the world around us is full of unhappy, discontented people who are always looking for more and more, who are jealous of those who seem to be a little bit wealthier or a tiny bit more successful. BUT—if we just look around us here we will find that this house was built and remains only because of the love of God and His love for us, that every one of the Mothers is here only for the same reason, that all our schooling, all that we do and are taught to do each day rests on the love of the Good Shepherd for all of His lambs.

So, my New Year wish for each of you is that you will grow, each day of 1961, in love for Our Lord, in appreciation of the sacrifices and the labors of the Mothers for you, and in a true and active charity toward one another. That is what I mean when I say—

A HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR!

Father Collins

### VISITING PRIESTS ATTEND CEREMONY

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we wish to extend our sincere thanks to the many priests who attended our Confirmation ceremony and helped to make it a memorable occasion for everyone. Our deepest gratitude goes to Bishop Charles Mulrooney for his fatherly kindness to us and also to the Very Rev. Thomas Kelley, Very Rev. Joseph T. Tinnelly, C.M., Rt. Rev. Joseph B. Frey, Rev. Archibald V. McLees, Rev. Michael Quinn, Rev. Raymond Neufeld, Rev. Joseph B. Judge, Rev. William T. Cullen, Rev. Martin Tully, Rev. William Cavanagh, Rev. Peter Altman, Rev. Bede Mulligan, O. Carm., Rev. W. Yonson and of course, to our own dear chaplain, Rev. Joseph M. Collins.

### RECOLLECTION DAYS PROVE INSPIRING

Euphrasian High School was fortunate to have Rev. Raymond J. Neufeld give their monthly day of Recollection in October, November and December. Father Neufeld is assigned to St. Boniface Church in Brooklyn.

Father Neufeld slanted his talks toward the particular devotions practiced during each month: in October, it was devotion to Our Lady's Rosary; in November, prayer for the poor souls in Purgatory; and in December, the mysteries of the Incarnation and Birth of Our Lord.

One conference which will be long remembered was about Our Lady's Immaculate Heart and how much purity means to her. Father stressed the need for purity in young Catholic women, and gave the following little prayer as an aid in time of temptation: "Jesus, make me just like Mary; Mary make me just like you."

### MID-TERM HONOR ROLL

Sandra Robinson  
Anne Marie DeSurrey  
Pura Rivera  
Nydia Campiz  
Ann Von Toussaint  
Camille Masiello  
Maria Cubero  
Valerie Dobriner  
Denise Latimer

### Second Honors

Iris DeJesus  
Penny McCarthy  
Lucy Torres  
Carmen Batista  
Caron Ann Finnegan  
Theresa Pena  
Edith Perez  
Carmen Rios  
Beatrice Smith  
Kathleen Sweeney

### 48 GIRLS RECEIVE CONFIRMATION

Bishop Mulrooney Officiates



"I sign thee with the sign of the Cross, and I confirm thee with the chrism of salvation." These were words of Auxiliary Bishop, Most Rev. Charles R. Mulrooney, D. D. as he administered Confirmation to the 48 girls who received the Holy Spirit on November 29, 1960.

Dressed in red princess caps and white gowns with red collars, the girls solemnly marched into the Mothers' chapel at 11:00 a.m. His Excellency spoke to the girls after administering the Sacrament about the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit they received. He emphasized the fact that the Good Shepherd Mothers are to be thanked for their constant and unfailing encouragement and guidance which helped prepare for this wonderful sacrament. He also said that living here at school, it is relatively easy to keep the Commandments and remain in the state of grace. When they go home, however, and come in contact with different religions, questions, and doubts that will besiege them from all sides—that is when they really must call on the Holy Spirit to enlighten their minds and strengthen their will. A Protestant would be surprised to see a Catholic eat meat on Friday or miss Mass on Sunday. And yet, it would be hard not to eat meat on Friday when non-Catholic friends are doing it, and twice as hard to get up every Sunday for Mass when a nice warm bed is very tempting indeed. The simplicity and love which was evident in this talk by His Excellency, was shown in every syllable and by the very tone of his voice.

### Bishop Accepts Gift

Sodalist Claire Madsen was given the honor of presenting a gift to the Bishop from all of the girls and was warmly thanked by him. To put it in Claire's own words, "It really was the most exciting day of my life—I'll never forget it!"

The Sponsors for the girls receiving Confirmation were Grammar School teacher, Miss Irene Broderick and social worker, Miss Helen Dunn.

The girls who were confirmed are as follows: Norma Carmona, Claire Madsen, Eileen Boody, Ramonita Lopez, Miriam Maldonado, Laura Ward, Lucy Osorio, Cecilia Salort, Mary Cruz, Elaine Mejais, Ruth Alicea, Janet Fauntleroy, Beatrice Smith, Rachel Alvarez, Kathleen Sweeney, Rosemary Hossley, Maria Figueras,

Maria Ortiz, Catherine Guagenti, Carmen Marrero, Justa Rodriguez, Elizabeth Negron, Bernadette Cousins, Theresa Velez, Santa Ruiz, Elsie Colon, Emily Diaz, Gloria Millette, Josephine Garcia, Margarita Rosario, Nereida Rosario, Edith Perez, Mildred Benitez, Emerita Cruz, Aida Ortiz, Theresa Pena, Lucy Rohena, Geraldine Miles, Lucy Diaz, Carmen Batista, Miriam Esquilin, Adelina Ortiz, Jenny Pena, Lucy Torres, Loretta Roberts, Andrea Cortez, Naomi Castro, Alice Cuesta.

Two of the girls also received their First Holy Communion on the same day; Josephine Garcia and Aida Ortiz.

—Maude Artis

### GIRLS PICK CONFIRMATION NAMES

"Mary," Most Popular;  
"Theresa," and "Mary  
Magdalen" Next

Before Confirmation the halls were buzzing with the question—"What name are you going to pick for Confirmation?"

EUPHRADIO made a survey and found that "Mary" (or "Maria" or "Marie") was the most popular choice. "Theresa" (or "Theresita" or "Theresa Maria") was next in favor while "Mary Magdalen" or "Magdalen" was the next favorite choice.

St. Anthony was represented by "Antonia" and Mother Foundress by "Euphrasia" and "Mary Euphrasia."

Our Lady's titles were also included with "Concepcion," "Dolores" and "Mary Dolores" and "Carmelita."

Among other favorite saints selected were "Agatha," "Angela," "Anne," "Bernadette," "Elena," "Grace," "Jacinta," "Madeleine," "Margaret Mary," "Rita," "Rose," "Trinidad" and "Vicenta."

To anyone who asks "Why do you pick a saint's name for Confirmation?" we reply, "It helps to have a Heavenly patroness who will always intercede for you when the going gets tough."

—Maude Artis



Aida Ortiz (left) and Josephine Garcia receive First Holy Communion on Confirmation Day



Fr. Collins awards Blue Ribbons to Sodalists

## SODALITY MINUTES

### Sodalists Elect New Officers; Frances O'Dell, Prefect

Girls of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality at Euphrasian High School held an election of officers on November 6. The following girls were elected officers for the year 1960-1961: Frances O'Dell, Prefect; Nydia Campiz, Vice-Prefect; Irma Martinez, Secretary; and Geraldine Miles, Treasurer.

After all the members had prayed to the Holy Spirit and Our Lady for light, these girls were elected because of their outstanding example as a child of Mary and worthiness of character. The recitation of Our Lady's Office in the chapel closed the meeting.

### Sodalists

#### Receive New Moderator

At the November meeting the Sodality received a new moderator. Mother Mary George, because of many other responsibilities, regrettably relinquished her office of moderator which she had so faithfully held for many years. The Sodalists wish to take this opportunity to thank Mother for her thoughtfulness and devotedness through the years and wish her many blessings in all her undertakings.

Mother Mary Madeline, our own Group Mother, is now moderator of the Sodality. We are happy to have Mother as moderator as she knows so well how we hope to know and love Mary better.

### YOUTH AND FREQUENT COMMUNION

While we are still young and have wonderful opportunities to make decent and respectful young ladies out of ourselves, the best way to start now is by going to Confession whenever we have a chance. After receiving the Sacrament of Penance we are ready and worthy to receive the Precious Body and Blood of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Frequent Communion helps you very much if you are discouraged, depressed, etc. After you have received Him and talk to Him, you will feel much better. No matter how much you have neglected Him before this, it's never too late to start all over again. He will always have His Arms stretched out, waiting for you. So don't be afraid! It's never too late.

—Ramonita Lopez

### Sodalists Hold Party for New Members

On December 8 the Sodalists of Euphrasian High School gave a party to welcome the new members who were to be enrolled on the following Sunday.

The Social Room was attractively decorated in "banquet style" and over fifty girls enjoyed the delicious refreshments. Dancing formed a part of the entertainment and at the end of the afternoon, a grand prize was awarded to the girl who could guess the right number. The lucky winner, Miriam Esquilen, received a beautiful statue of Our Blessed Mother.

The party closed with everyone going to the chapel to recite the "Little Office of the Immaculate Conception."

### Aspirants Become Active Members

After Mass on Sunday December 11, our chaplain, Father Collins, enrolled several new members in the Blessed Virgin's Sodality. These eager aspirants, who have shown their sincerity, good example and desire, received the blue ribbon which is the badge of full-fledged membership. They recited in unison their Act of Consecration to Our Lady. By this act, they assume new obligations, attend daily Mass, assist other girls with their catechism, encourage new girls to love Our Lady and make sacrifices. The Sodalists must strive to be Marylike and pass this on to the other girls.

### MAY SHE REST IN PEACE Sr. Mary of St. Veronica, R.G.S.

A Requiem Mass was offered on October 26 for Sr. Mary of St. Veronica, R.G.S., 92, who died here at St. Philomena's School.

Sister Mary Veronica spent the entire 48 years of her religious life here in Brooklyn. She was born Lydia Cox in London in 1868, the same year the Foundress of the Good Shepherd Sisters, St. Mary Euphrasia, died.

Her sister, Sister Mary Thomasine, also lived here at St. Philomena's and died at the age of 90 in 1958. Both of the sisters were converts to Catholicism.

Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery in Brooklyn.

## MOTHER PATRICK'S HINTS TO TEEN-AGERS ABOUT TRUE DEVOTION TO MARY

(This article is based on a talk given at Bay Shore to the Sisters attending a True Devotion Seminar)

We... use our Blessed Mother's Sodality as a means of bringing the girls to a personal love for her. In order to make them realize the obligations involved in becoming Sodalists, we have three ceremonies in which they must participate before they are approved as full-fledged members. In the course of this time, we explain the "True Devotion" in a very simplified way. They are encouraged to attend daily Mass which is voluntary and to do this requires a great sacrifice because they must rise about 6:15; and to practice the exterior devotions suggested by St. Louis de Montfort such as the recitation of the Little Crown of the Blessed Virgin, wearing of medals and scapulars, daily Rosary, reading the pamphlets on devotion to Our Lady, particularly the "True Devotion." The book, "Mary Was Her Life" has made a big impression on our children because of the little Spanish teen-age girl's approach to Our Lady. We encourage the children to celebrate in a special way Our Lady's feast days, by decorating her altars, and also having a party in her honor. This, of course, they just love!

We emphasize very strongly that love for Our Lady and sacrifice are one and the same thing. St. Louis De Montfort tells us that the True Devotion is a means of acquiring the love of the Eternal Wisdom, our Divine Lord. The Saint explains that this is the same as a love for the cross because we never have Jesus without His cross. So we teach the children to express their love by making sacrifices giving their own wills and likes and desires to the Blessed Mother. Little by little, Mary strengthens their wills to accept the crosses Divine Providence may send them. In this way, Mary removes rebellion from their hearts; she softens and opens these hearts to accept the love of Christ together with His Cross which all must carry.

The best testimony of the fruitfulness of the True Devotion to Our Blessed Mother and the leading of souls to Jesus through Mary, is that of our own Sister Magdalens. To quote St. Louis De Montfort: "When Mary has struck her roots in a soul, she produces there marvels of grace." This Order of Sister Magdalens was founded over 150 years ago by St. Mary Euphrasia. The members are our girls who were chosen by our Lord to give their lives in reparation for the sins of the world. There are over 3,000 Sister Magdalens and in our community in Brooklyn we are blessed with sixty-two. They are a Pontifical Order, strictly cloistered, wear a brown habit and follow the Rule of Carmel. These Sisters are noted for their prayerfulness, cheerfulness and generosity. Their entire life is a prayer. We call them our "Powerhouse" because their fourth vow is to pray for the children who come into our Fold and for the souls of the world. I believe, if the truth were known, the conversion of each one of these dear Sister Magdalens and the inspiration they received to enter the Lord's service would certainly prove to be a result of their True Devotion to Our Blessed Mother.

### HAVE YOU MADE YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Many people on January 1 make New Year's resolutions as an indication of their aims to better living. Some will make them but how many will keep and practice them throughout the entire year?

A resolution is decided up by your own free will, therefore should be followed through. You should put forth a generous amount of real concentration so as not to act hastily and make a foolish resolution. A person would be more inclined to live up to a good thought rather than a foolish one.

How about considering the virtues of patience, obedience, or charity as a practical suggestion? We have the Ideal Model in Jesus Christ as depicted in the new Testament.

So before making any New Year's resolution, try to see how your life can be revised to become more like Our Lord's. With prayer and a little effort, you will be surprised at the success of your "New Year's resolution." If you break it, make it again. After all, Rome wasn't built in a day. When you learned to skate, you fell down many times before you finally became used to them. In this matter of polishing your character, you will fall many times but in the words of a not-so-new popular tune—"pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and start all over again."

Happy Landings!

—Anne Marie DeSurrey

### EUPHRASIA HIGH SALUTES...

## MISS JOAN ROSAZZA for her Courage With a Smile

Just as "It takes all kinds to make a world," so are there all kinds of champions in the world.

In the English class the other day the Freshmen were talking about the qualities that make a person really great and we agreed that all the champions are not the ones who are written about in the headlines. There are also those who can face the misfortunes of life with heads up, shoulders back and a sparkle in their eye. As an example our English teacher told us about a girl she knows who had been an Olympic swimming star but who now faces a major operation by a neuro-surgeon, plastic surgeon and an eye specialist.

Joan Rosazza, of Torrington, Conn. was with a group of friends on a youth hostel bicycle tour of England, Sweden and Norway when she was injured last summer. She was thrown from her bicycle at White Hill in England on June 27, shattering the bones around the left eye and losing her left eye as well. She considers herself lucky that the injuries were not more serious and that her brain was spared.

Joan is 23 years old and had just completed 5 months of her first teaching assignment in physical education at Evanston Township High School in Illinois before going to Europe last summer.

Good can be realized from misfortune, she believes and that is exactly what she is doing. Though she has the use of only one eye, Joan does a great deal of reading. She is also studying Russian, improving her piano playing and learning to cook.

While in high school she collected a room full of medals and trophies for swimming and won a place on the 1956 U. S. Olympic team bringing home a silver medal from Australia.

At Purdue University she was a member of the Lafayette Swim Club participating in meets around the country. After graduating in January 1960 she secured the teaching post in Evanston where she plans to return next September.

When someone asked about her reaction to the accident, she said, "I wouldn't say I am happy about it, but I'm certainly not going to waste my life away being unhappy about it."

All we can say is "Good luck, Joan, and God bless you!"

### BOOK REVIEW MY STORY

by Dr. Thomas A. Dooley

"My Story" is written by Dr. Thomas A. Dooley. It is a remarkable autobiography of a young American doctor's vocation to heal the sick in the remote and primitive lands of Asia.

As a medical naval officer in 1954, his first big assignment was to build refugee camps in Haiphong, near Red China. He found that such diseases as malaria, yaws, beri-beri, smallpox, leprosy, and cholera were common when he arrived in Haiphong. In spite of the fact that Doctor Dooley tried to teach the natives correct medical practices, he had not the time nor the equipment to teach twentieth-century methods. Dr. Dooley faced harsh criticism from all sides, but he still persevered because of his intense desire to help these unfortunate people.

In 1956 Doctor Dooley finished his term in the Navy and had to return home to the United States. His strong desire to return to the almost "forgotten people" of Indo-China, was finally fulfilled when he appealed to the Vietnamese Embassy in Washington for support in starting medical missions in Asia a few months later. He also began to write books to acquaint the public about the dire need of the Vietnamese.

With the proceeds of his books and lecture tours, Doctor Dooley turned to procuring needed medical equipment. He appealed to drug companies and surgical supply houses for help. They answered generously by donating over one hundred thousand dollars worth of antibiotics, surgical dressings and bandages, surgical instruments and equipment and large supplies of vitamins and protein extract, and money.

Some time later, Dr. Dooley was stricken with cancer and had to return once to the United States for an operation. Fortunately, the operation was a success. And after recovering, he went on to spread the feeling of brotherhood to the many hearts who do not know who God is to this day, but unconsciously recognize Him through a man who stands for love of God and love of man.

—Sandra Robinson

### THE HOLY FAMILY— A Christian Family

One month of every year, usually January, is dedicated to the Holy Family. During this month Christian families join in the rosary together every night. On one particular Sunday, the whole family goes to church together and also receives Holy Communion together.

This is the month when Mama, Papa and Junior and Sis get together and thank God because they can be together. They do this because they know from past and present history, and even from the reading of daily newspapers that there are some families who cannot be together. They are separated from each other by Communist dictators, or perhaps the mother or father is not living, or even they are not able to have a family. So these good families gather together to thank God for their many blessings and beg Him to make them into a united and holy family—in imitation of the first "Holy Family."

—Clara Washington

Employment Counselor: "My client wants a responsible man for this job."

Applicant: "Well, my record is clean in that respect. Wherever I've worked, when anything went wrong, they told me I was responsible."

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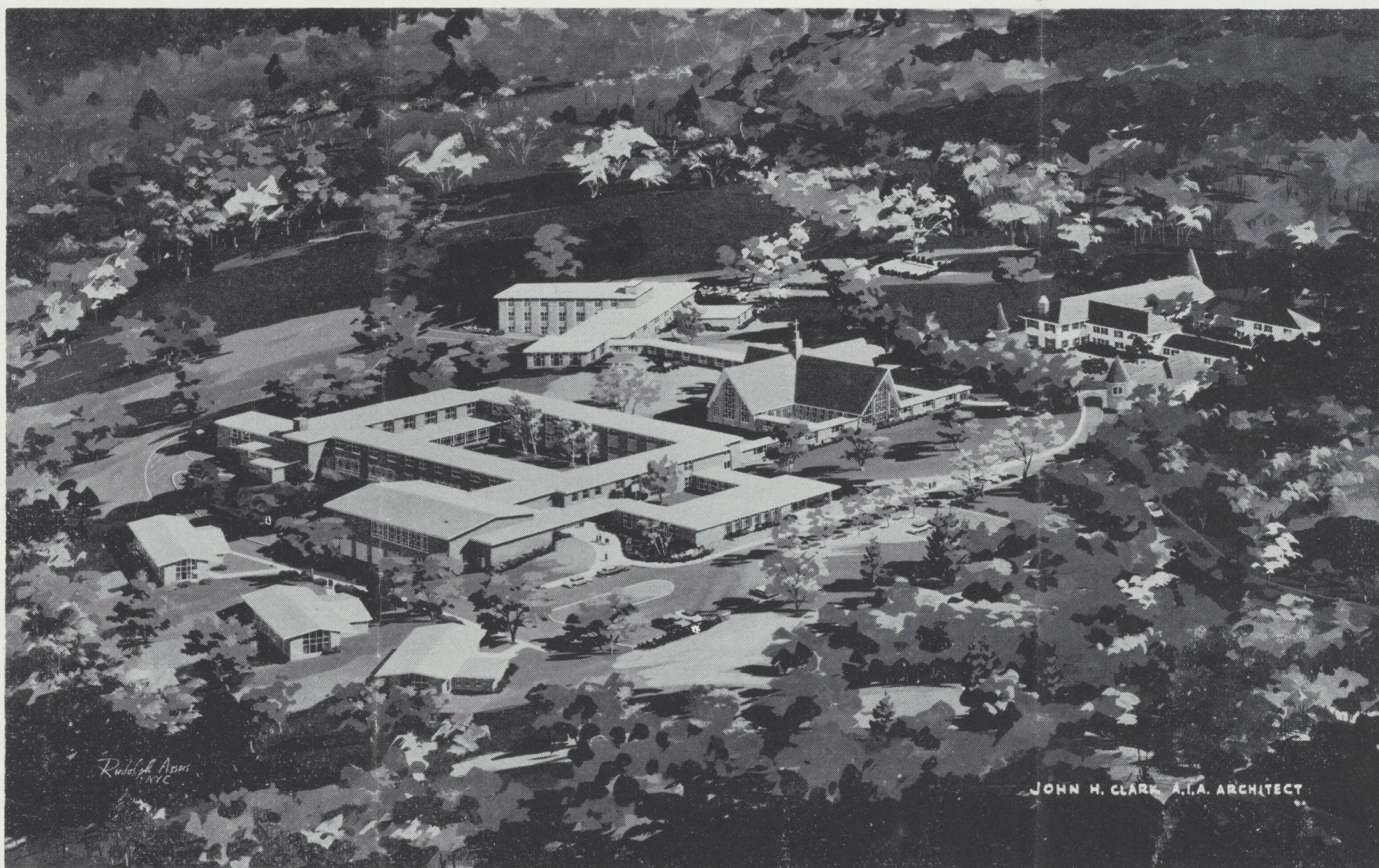
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# MADONNA HEIGHTS SCHOOL FOR GIRLS . . .



## Our New Home on Long Island

In the last issue of EUPHRADIO, we showed you the picture of the original Baruch home at Huntington, L. I. which has been converted into a Sisters' convent. Now we are happy to show you the entire layout of the new Madonna Heights School for Girls which will be the future location of St. Philomena's School when we leave Brooklyn.

The Sisters plan to erect a school and dormitory building, 3 cottages for girls, a convent of Sister Magdalens, and a Chapel.

The School and Dormitory building is a two-story structure designed around a central landscaped court. The extensive facilities provided for the administrative staff will consist of a Director's Office, office for an Administrative Assistant, Psychological and Psychiatric Office, Case Work Offices, a Conference Room, Nurse's Office and an Infirmary. These will be located on the ground floor. Also provided on this floor are four Academic Classrooms, Science, Business, Homemaking, Sewing, Arts and Crafts and Beauty Culture Classrooms, Library, Principal's Office, Faculty Room, Cafeteria, Kitchen and all-purpose room.

The second floor of this building will contain living and sleeping facilities for the groups of fourteen girls. Each group area will have a living room, kitchen, laundry, fourteen girls' bed rooms, with bath accommodations, a Sister's office and bedroom.

The three cottages, (lower left of the picture), will house twelve girls with accommodations for two Sisters and two lay staff. In addition to the usual bedrooms, there will be a living room, parlor, hobby room and a dining room.

The Convent for the Sister Magdalens will provide living accommodations for 62 Sisters. A large community room, refectory, infirmary, sewing room, altar bread room, parlors and 62 bedrooms for the Sisters are planned.

The Chapel (with cross on top, center of picture), the focal point of the grouping of buildings, is designed around a central sanctuary which serves an individual Nave or Chapel for the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, the Sister Magdalens, and the girls attending Madonna Heights. The front facade of the Chapel will feature a stained glass window of the Good Shepherd.

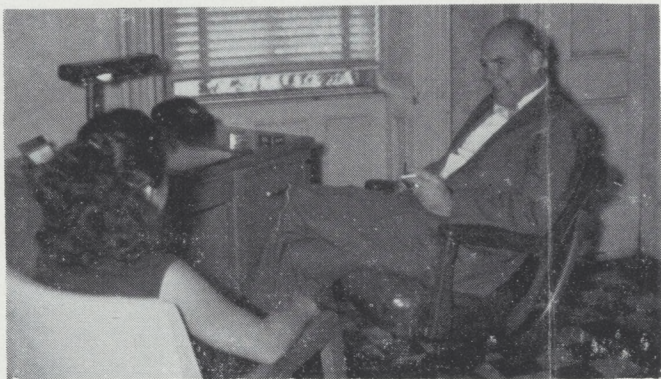
To provide outdoor physical education facilities for the girls, a new swimming pool with cabana, a baseball field, tennis courts, and other play areas are to be constructed.

The design and grouping of the buildings has been handled in a manner to give a residential feeling to the institution in keeping with the neighborhood. The buildings are of fire resistive construction. Exterior walls are generally brick, with natural field stone used on the chapel and on certain areas of the school and dormitory building. Interior walls will be concrete block walls painted in the school areas, plaster and wood finishing in other areas; wainscots will be cement enamel, glazed tile or natural wood; floors will be terrazzo, vinyl asbestos or rubber tile; ceilings will be plaster or acoustic tile.

During construction, every effort is to be made to protect the existing trees and shrubs, and it is planned to landscape the area around the new buildings in keeping with the natural beauty of the site.



Miss Elizabeth Scanlon, our World History teacher



Dr. Dominick Gabriel counsels a troubled teenager

A smile costs nothing but gives so much! Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.

The surest way to become a better person is to begin being kinder than you have been in the past. Start doing nice things—things you don't have to do. Do them because you want to.

Euphrasian High has a wonderful sprinkling system when it rains. Oh—Madonna Heights, come quickly!



Winning Junior Volleyball Team:

First row, left to right: Ann M. De Surrey, Elsie Colon, Margaret Accursu. Back row: Frances O'Dell, Barbara Skahill, Maxine Nash, and Andrea Sharff.

## ZOOMmmmm!

No—it's not a jet—but the Euphrasian Volley Ball! December 21 was the decisive day—the "play-off" day—when the Juniors and Freshmen battled for first place. The winner must get two out of three games.

The Freshmen scrubbed the Juniors with a 21-7 score for the first game. However the valiant 11th termers did not become discouraged. Cheered on by their companions, they nosed out the Freshmen by a 22-16 score to take the second game.

The poor, but courageous, Freshies—fought hard, only to lose the third game by an 18-12 score.

Hats off and three cheers to our champion Juniors. Nice going, Freshmen! We expect big things from you in the future! Thanks also to Miss Demiertz for her gallant instruction and encouragement.



Mary Sasso, Diane Bennett, Georgina Caban and Carol Ann Finnegan sit this one out!

## WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR?

So many girls said this was the best Christmas they had ever had that EUPHRADIO reporter, Maude Artis decided to ask different ones what aspect of Christmas appealed to them most. Here are some of their comments—

FRANCES O'DELL—"It was a great privilege to carry the Infant Jesus to His Crib in the chapel. I felt very warm inside, in fact, it made me cry." Note: each year the whole school proceeds to the chapel before Midnight Mass singing Christmas carols. Frances, as prefect of the Sodality, was chosen to carry the Babe of Bethlehem to His Crib in the girls' chapel.

NYDIA CAMPIZ—"Through my preparations for the Infant's crib, I realized that it really is more blessed to give than to receive. (Each girl is encouraged to offer little sacrifices and prayers as their contribution to the Infant's crib.) It was thrilling to present the Infant to the world at the consecration of the Mass and in the procession, to carry His coverlet."

EMILY DIAZ—"We three Seniors certainly had fun decorating the tree. I also had the privilege of helping to decorate the main altar for Midnight Mass. That's why my Christmas was so fine."

SANDRA ROBINSON—"With the coming of each Christmas morning, I have experienced a most pleasant feeling. To look forward to those wonderful Christmas Masses and the opening of many Christmas presents and of course, the knowledge that hundreds of years ago, Christ was born, all create a certain Christmas spirit."

ANN MARIE DESURREY—"I thought it was very nice and I was happy to have the privilege of blessing the Christmas tree on Christmas morning."

JUDITH O'GRADY—"Christmas was a lot of fun this year. Why? Because I played Santa Claus!"

MAUREEN WHELAN—"Santa Claus really treated us fine! Father Collins offered his three Masses for us and that was the best gift of all!"

GERALDINE MILES—"It was 'swinging' on Christmas but I wish we had had a white one—a White Christmas, I mean."

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CLARA WASHINGTON—"Everything was green—even me—after dinner!"

RAMONA ARROYO—"It was a lot of fun. I enjoyed it very much. It was the best Christmas I ever had."

CLAIRE MADSEN—"Christmas was nice; the tree was beautiful, but nothing could compare with the beauty of Midnight Mass and the Baby Jesus as Frances placed Him in the crib."

JANET FAUNTLEROY—"I am still sleepy from Midnight Mass... but it was nice. I received so many gifts."

### NEW GLEE CLUB FORMED

One of the recent extra-curricular activities of the 1960-1961 school year at Euphrasian High was the formation of a Glee Club. Tryouts were held on Saturday afternoon, November 5, and 25 girls were selected as having good voices that would blend into a harmonious choral group.

They started on Christmas selections but hope to go on later to well-known semi-classical as well as the better popular music from Broadway shows.

The group is under the direction of Mother Mary Esther and is made up of the following girls: Barbara Skahill, Dorothy McCoy, Carmen Cardona, Ann Von Toussaint, Claire Madsen, Clara Washington, Nilda Royo, Dorothy Long, Geraldine Miles, Margaret Accursu, Maria E. Cubero, Eleanor Caregena, Rachel Alvarez, Frances O'Dell, Ann Marie DeSurrey, Judith O'Grady, Kathleen Gilbert, Laura Ward, Irma Martinez, Denise Latimer, Judith Gabay, Mercedes Jung, Mary Ann Fassrainer, and Valerie Dobriner.

The glee club made its debut on Christmas morning when the Mothers came over to their recreation room to wish the girls a "Merry Christmas." Both songs, "Christmas Roundelay" and "Merry Christmas to You" were from Fred Waring's Teen Chorus series.

—Judith Gabay

### RAMBLINGS

Did you hear about the little five year old boy who refused to go back to school after his first day in kindergarten? When his mother asked him why he didn't want to return, he said, "Awww, I learned everything the first day!"

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## E.H.S. FETED BY VARIOUS GROUPS

Christmas festivities for Euphrasian High began on the sixteenth of December when the Veterans Association of Brooklyn came to the school and gave a Christmas party. Those refreshments were delicious and we had a marvelous time. Thanks a million for thinking of us, dear friends!

Back in October the National Secretaries Association of Brooklyn wrote to the girls and asked each one what she would like for Christmas. The Wednesday before Christmas those wonderful secretaries drove up with shopping bags loaded with attractive, gaily wrapped Christmas packages. Not only did they get each girl the blouse, sweater, jewelry, nylons or St. Anthony statue she asked for, but they also included gifts for any girl who may not have been here when the letters were written. We can never thank you enough, dear Secretaries, for making our Christmas one of the best we have ever had. God bless you all!

The Sodality of St. Rita's School in Brooklyn put on a Nativity play for us the day after Christmas. The play was directed by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. This is one event we look forward to each year and are most grateful to the girls and Sisters who come to share their thoughtful Christmas spirit with us. May you have many blessings during the New Year!

The Girl Scouts of St. Elizabeth Church in Woodhaven visited us on

December 27 bringing gifts and a record album for our new record player. We had a grand time with these delightful girls, singing carols and dancing to the latest records. Thank you so much for coming, girls, we hope your New Year will be a truly happy one.

Rev. Joseph Judge and the Sodality of O. L. of the Presentation Church in Brooklyn entertained us with Spanish Christmas carols on January 2. These lovely girls also brought us all gifts for which we were most grateful. The director of the Choral Group was Mrs. Linda Huie who accompanied the girls on the piano. After the program everyone joined in the Yuletide carols and the glee club rendered two Christmas songs. Many thanks, Father Judge, for bringing your Sodality over to our school for a most enjoyable afternoon!

The Sodality of O. L. of Lourdes in Elmhurst, led by Miss Pat Allen, visited us on January 15 bringing Christmas gifts for all and also showing the movie 'Song of Bernadette.' We are very grateful to you, dear Sodality, for providing us with such an entertaining afternoon. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for coming!

It seems as if some of our fellow students are getting thinner. Their secret—"Marvelous Bread." This bread contains no flour, eggs, salt, butter or milk; just 1 cup of will power and plenty of imagination!



Miss Rayburn and her Art students enjoy Christmas party

### GIRLS EXHIBIT CHARCOAL DRAWINGS

#### Three Prizes Awarded

An exhibition of charcoal drawings by girls of the special Art class was held in the school halls recently. Excellent still-life and live portraits were made by Lillian Kampf, Maria Figuero, Clare Madsen, Rachel Alvarez, Jane Olinsky and Naomi Castro.

Under the direction of Miss Miriam Rayburn the girls chose a wide variety of subjects for their drawings. Nereda Rosario was the model for some of the portraits.

After being on display for several days, the following girls won lovely prizes for the best drawings: First Prize, Naomi Castro; Second Prize, Clare Madsen and Third Prize, Lillian Kampf.

—Judith Gabay

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## EUPHRASIANITE WINS PRESS AWARD

Florence Fleary received an award of Honorable Mention for her feature articles of Catholic Tone in the 14th Annual Awards sponsored by the Catholic High School Press Association of Brooklyn.

The Awards and Exhibit Day was held in the Monsignor Ross Auditorium of Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School on Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn on October 21, 1960.

Among the representatives from Euphrasian High attending the Awards presentation were Anne Marie DeSurrey, Judith O'Grady, Sandra Robinson and Pura Rivera.

## THE ADVENTURES OF LULU BELLE

OR

### The Case of the Missing Pen

As we mentioned in the last issue of "Euphradio," Lulu Belle is all the Euphrasianites rolled into one typical teen-age student. She is like all of the other Euphradian girls, but she seems to have that certain something that makes her the most popular girl in school. Maybe it's the way she manages to get into so much mischief and yet be the good Catholic girl she should always be. Take the case of the missing shorthand pen...

The morning started out beautifully that April, spring morning. All of the Juniors were seated in their room ready to take dictation. All of a sudden, Sandra Robinson (who is now a Senior) discovered that the pen she usually used for dictation was missing. What could have happened? The search was on! The entire class was on a pen hunt.

Days passed—then weeks—but still no pen showed up. In desperation, Sandra offered a reward for the return of the pen. Finally, two long months later, the pen was found! Who had it? You guessed it! Lulu Belle!

In her usual dash to be on time for class, our friend, Lulu, had picked up the pen with her other school supplies and put in her school bag. The pen had slipped down into the lining of the bag and had been put away for the summer with the other school things until school reopened. When Lulu Belle decided to prepare for school in September, she found the pen in the lining of her school bag.

This is only one of Lulu Belle's adventures—you'll be hearing more later on. Oh! Oh! It sounds like she's at it again!

—Maude Artis

Boy to father: "There's a special P.T.A. meeting tomorrow after school—just you, my teacher, and the principal."

Overheard in the American History class: "What are the New England States noted for?" Answer: "English muffins."



Santa and his Reindeer pause before returning to North Pole!

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